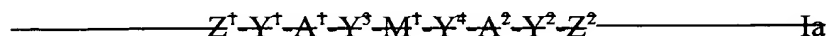


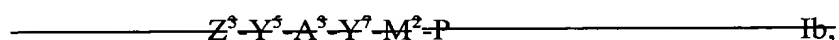
## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

(Currently Amended) ~~The present invention relates to a~~ A liquid-crystalline composition ~~which comprises~~ contains, as components,

A) a liquid-crystalline mixture ~~comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of the compounds of the formula Ia~~



and of the formula Ib



~~where the variables, independently of one another, have the following meanings: P is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-alkyl, or a -Y<sup>8</sup>-A<sup>4</sup>-Y<sup>6</sup>-Z<sup>4</sup>-group, Z<sup>1</sup> to Z<sup>4</sup> are polymerizable groups, Y<sup>1</sup> to Y<sup>8</sup> are linking groups, A<sup>1</sup> to A<sup>4</sup> are spacers and M<sup>1</sup> and M<sup>2</sup> are mesogenic groups~~ containing at least one compound having two polymerizable groups and at least one compound having only one polymerizable group,

~~----- B) if desired, further additives selected from the group consisting of photoinitiators, reactive thinners and diluents,~~

~~----- C) if desired, further additives taken from the group consisting of antifoams and deaerators, lubricants and flow-control agents, thermally curing or radiation-curing auxiliaries, substrate wetting auxiliaries, wetting and dispersion auxiliaries, hydrophobicizing agents, adhesion promoters and auxiliaries for improving the scratch resistance,~~

~~----- D) if desired, further additives selected from the group consisting of dyes and pigments, and~~

E) if desired, optional further additives selected from the group consisting of light, heat and/or oxidation stabilizers.

A detailed definition of the variables Z<sup>1</sup> to Z<sup>4</sup>, Y<sup>1</sup> to Y<sup>8</sup>, A<sup>1</sup> to A<sup>4</sup>, P, M<sup>1</sup> and M<sup>2</sup> is given in

the description.

The present invention furthermore relates to the use of a liquid crystalline composition of this type as a printing ink, can be used for printing or coating substrates, in electro-optical components, for counterfeiting-proof marking of articles and for the production of films or coatings which selectively reflect light in the wavelength range from 250 to 1300 nm, to a polymer or polymerized film obtained by polymerizing a liquid-crystalline composition according to the current invention and to the use of a polymerized film of this type as an optical filter, polarizer, decoration, a counterfeiting-proof marking or reflection medium for the selective reflection of radiation in the wavelength range of 250 to 1300 nm, to a process for printing or coating the substrate using a liquid-crystalline composition according to the invention, and to substrates to which a liquid-crystalline composition according to the invention or a polymer or polymerized film according to the invention has been applied or which has been printed or coated by the process according to the invention.